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ARTICLE	19
SECTION	M-49
SUBJECT	SIAT
	HANDBOOK

A8-N984

Mr. Kenneth D. Wilson
Administrative Aide, Clerk Craft
American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO
817 - 14th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Re: Petrin, J.
Springfield, MA (BMC)
H8C-1J-C-14476

Dear Mr. Wilson:

On December 8, 1980, we met with you to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

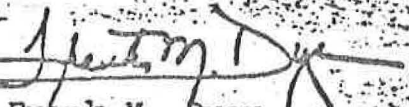
The matters presented by you as well as the applicable contractual provisions have been reviewed and given careful consideration.

The question in this grievance is whether management is conducting the SIAT test of Parcel and Sack Sorting Machine Operators properly.

The methods Handbook, M-49, Sorter Induction Accuracy Test, outlines the procedures for testing. Part 130(d) states, "all active keyers to be tested will be tested at least once each accounting period." Part 230 specifies the conditions in which an exception to the testing may be made.

The Sorter Induction Accuracy Test will be conducted accordingly.

Sincerely,


Frank M. Dyer
Labor Relations Department